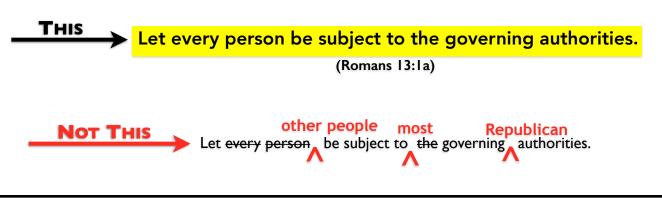
-SEQUENCE OF PREPARATION-	
CHAPTERS 1-8	 Doctrinal foundation Saved by grace through faith, no works Secure in Christ, no one can separate us from him
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- Jesus ... Not going to fight for what is not his kingdom ...
 - (John 18:36 ESV) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."



■ Rule of thumb ... Caesar's things to Caesar, God's to God ...

(Matthew 22:17-22 NIV84) Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.



Always ready to do what is good, not forgetting that we were once foolish ...

- (Titus 3:1–5a NLT) Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. 2 They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone. 3 Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. 4 But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
- ▶ God's will that by doing good we silence the stupid talk of fools ...
 - (1 Peter 2:13–15 NIV84) Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.
- ▶ Peaceful, quiet, godly, dignified lives pleasing to God ...
 - (1 Timothy 2:1–3 ESV) First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.